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Classroom Activities

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New prime minister of the UK (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article 'New prime minister of the UK'.
Answer questions 1-15.

1. Who is the new Prime Minister of the UK, and what political party does he lead?

2. Where is the Palace of Westminster?

3. Explain what a constitutional monarchy is.

4. By what names is the UK also known and what is it made up of?

5. Explain what a constituency is. How many does the UK have?

6. How frequently are general elections held in the UK?

7. What is one main job of an MP?

8. List the main political parties in the UK.

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9. Name the two 'Houses' that make up the UK's parliament and explain what they do.

10. Explain the 'first past the post' system and what it means for forming a government.

11. What is PR and how does it work?

12. What is a coalition?

13. How many seats did each of the three biggest political parties get, and what were their respective percentages of the total votes?

14. What is meant by a 'hung parliament'?

15. Who is the leader of the Liberal Democrats and what is his new job?

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Nuclear fuel swap (Page 4)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Nuclear fuel swap'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Tehran is the capital of Turkey.		
2. Currently Brazil is not a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council.		
3. 90% enriched uranium is needed to make a nuclear weapon.		
4. The IAEA is based in Austria.		
5. The USA wants to impose sanctions on Iran.		
6. France is a member of the Vienna Group.		
7. Iran has agreed to hand over its enriched uranium to Brazil.		
8. Germany is a member of the UN Security Council.		
9. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is the prime minister of Turkey.		
10. The UK is a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council.		

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Apple and Adobe (Page 14)

Instructions: Read the article 'Apple and Adobe' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.

APPLE

ADOBE

PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE

HTML5

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Apple tree in space (Page 7)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Apple tree in space'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-8. Write the questions.

1. Q. _____

A. National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

2. Q. _____

A. The Royal Society.

3. Q. _____

A. The International Space Station.

4. Q. _____

A. A famous British scientist and mathematician.

5. Q. _____

A. Gravity.

6. Q. _____

A. An apple tree.

7. Q. _____

A. Because of zero gravity.

8. Q. _____

A. Atlantis, Discovery and Endeavour.

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Laser's 50th anniversary (Page 5)

Instructions: Read the article 'Laser's 50th anniversary'.
Answer questions 1-7.

1. What does laser stand for?

2. What does an atom consist of?

3. What do 'excited electrons' do in a laser?

4. Explain what 'stimulated emission' is.

5. How can lasers produce different colours?

6. List some of the uses of lasers in the modern world.

7. What is the NIF and what has it been designed to do?

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Mystery Poppy disease (Page 9)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Mystery Poppy disease'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Al-Qaeda

Used to make heroin

Hamid Karzai

Capital of Afghanistan

NATO

Militant group that attacked the USA

Taliban

Group that used to control Afghanistan

Kabul

President of Afghanistan

Pakistan

Seedpods of this plant make opium

Opium

Country bordering Afghanistan

Poppy

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World Map (Page 12)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. ALIBOOMC O

C O L O M B I A

2. ICROOMCO

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3. GEARNINI

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4. YUKRATE

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5. THINSAFENAGA

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6. ADACLAN

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7. VANFERC

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8. SPIEHIPLINPS

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Mystery country = □ □ O □ □ □ □ □

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Issue 119 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 119. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

Volcanoes

~~Apple~~

Cartilage

The Royal Society

Nigeria

Opium

Colombia

Homo sapiens

Philippines

MDG

Gulf of Mexico

Polar Bear

Pablo Picasso

Champlain Sea

Universal education

Goodluck Jonathan

Aquino

Africa

Sharks

~~Steve Jobs~~

Iceland

Bogotá

Sir Isaac Newton

Poppies

River Mississippi

Arctic

Leda clay

Odd one out = _____

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Issue 119 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 119 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **How many countries are members of the United Nations (UN)?**
 - a. 112
 - b. 133
 - c. 167
 - d. 192
 - e. 201
2. **Which country's currency is called the dirham?**
 - a. Sudan
 - b. Jordan
 - c. Turkey
 - d. United Arab Emirates
 - e. Nigeria
3. **Which NASA space shuttle is currently on its last space mission?**
 - a. Atlantis
 - b. Endeavour
 - c. Discovery
 - d. Enterprise
 - e. Challenger
4. **Who is the president of France?**
 - a. Charles de Gaulle
 - b. Valéry Giscard d'Estaing
 - c. François Mitterrand
 - d. Nicolas Sarkozy
 - e. Georges Pompidou
5. **Who lives in 10 Downing Street?**
 - a. The Archbishop of Canterbury
 - b. Queen Elizabeth the Second
 - c. The Secretary-General of the United Nations
 - d. The prime minister of the UK
 - e. The prime minister of New Zealand
6. **Of which country is Hamid Karzai the president?**
 - a. Afghanistan
 - b. Kazakhstan
 - c. Mongolia
 - d. Turkmenistan
 - e. Pakistan
7. **In which part of the world would you find a boreal forest?**
 - a. Indian sub-continent
 - b. Mediterranean
 - c. The north of the northern hemisphere
 - d. The southern hemisphere
 - e. In Africa
8. **Which of the following countries is not a permanent member of the United Nations (UN) Security Council?**
 - a. France
 - b. Germany
 - c. Russia
 - d. China
 - e. UK
9. **In which of the following countries would you not find Leda clay?**
 - a. Hungary
 - b. Norway
 - c. Russia
 - d. Canada
 - e. Finland
10. **If you were hypoxic what would you be suffering from?**
 - a. Toothache
 - b. Mountain sickness
 - c. Sea sickness
 - d. Influenza
 - e. Food poisoning